

2017 Southwestern Region Northern New Mexico Forest Plan Revision Timelines

	Cibola National Forest	Carson National Forest	Santa Fe National Forest
JAN-MAR (Winter)	<p>Complete revisions to the Draft Plan based on comments received on the Preliminary Draft Plan in summer 2016.</p> <p>Complete revisions to the wilderness evaluation and analysis based on comments received.</p> <p>Prepare Chapters 1 and 2 of the Draft EIS (DEIS) with purpose and need, significant issues, Proposed Action, and alternatives; and the affected environment portion of Chapter 3.</p> <p>Begin timber suitability modeling and draft Biological Assessment (BA).</p>	<p>Complete preliminary draft plan w/out alternatives.</p> <p>Work with cooperating agencies and forest leadership starting the development of plan alternatives.</p> <p>In late March host a 3-day relationship building workshop with key community leaders and partners.</p> <p>Release preliminary draft plan w/alternative themes on the Carson Plan Revision website for public review.</p>	<p>Hold public meetings (general and technical) on initial plan components (forest-wide) and draft wilderness evaluation.</p> <p>Begin development of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).</p> <p>Begin evaluating Wild and Scenic River eligibility, through public involvement.</p> <p>Hold public meetings (general and technical) on DEIS alternatives and Draft Plan management areas.</p>
APR-JUN (Spring)	<p>Continue developing DEIS Chapter 3 environmental consequences, including cumulative effects. Develop DEIS Chapter 4 Consultation and Coordination, and required appendices.</p> <p>Complete timber suitability, including vegetation modeling by alternative.</p> <p>Continue to develop Draft BA.</p> <p>Develop monitoring plan.</p> <p>Complete other revisions to Draft Plan, monitoring plan, DEIS and draft BA based on DEIS iterative process.</p> <p>Regional Office review of Draft Plan and DEIS in June 2017.</p>	<p>Hold community conversation meetings with tribes, land grants, and acequias to discuss draft plan and other concerns.</p> <p>Fully develop draft plan alternatives including initial recommendation for wilderness.</p> <p>Release preliminary draft plan with alternatives on the Carson Plan Revision website in spring 2017 for public review.</p> <p>Start draft EIS (DEIS).</p>	<p>Finalize Draft Plan (proposed action), utilizing public comments.</p> <p>Finalize Wilderness Evaluation, begin Analysis.</p> <p>Finalize range of alternatives, utilizing public comments.</p> <p>Finish environmental analysis—proposed action and alternatives.</p> <p>Develop draft BA (Biological Assessment).</p> <p>Prepare Plan monitoring plan.</p> <p>Hold open houses to continue public engagement.</p>
JUL-SEP (Summer)	<p>Edits to Draft Plan, monitoring plan, DEIS, and Draft BA based on Regional Office review.</p> <p>Develop Washington Office briefing papers for Regional Office review.</p> <p>Washington Office Briefings on Draft Plan/DEIS (September 2017).</p>	<p>Continue with DEIS.</p> <p>Develop draft BA (Biological Assessment).</p>	<p>Regional Office review of Draft Plan and DEIS.</p> <p>Washington Office briefings on Draft Plan/DEIS.</p> <p>Release Federal Register Notice of Availability (September 2017) for public comment on the draft plan and DEIS.</p> <p>Hold open houses to continue public engagement.</p>
OCT-DEC (Fall)	<p>Release Federal Register Notice of Availability for public comment on Draft Plan, DEIS, and Draft BA.</p> <p>Host open houses and collaborative workshops during 90-day public comment period.</p>	<p>Regional Office review of draft plan and DEIS.</p> <p>Washington Office briefings on Draft Plan/DEIS.</p> <p>Release Federal Register Notice of Availability (NOA) in late fall/early winter for public comment on the draft plan & DEIS.</p>	<p>90 day comment period on draft plan and DEIS, including holding public meetings.</p> <p>Hold open houses to continue public engagement.</p>

Please note that these timelines are subject to change





United States Department of Agriculture

2017 Southwestern Region Southern New Mexico Forest Plan Revision Timelines

	Lincoln National Forest	Gila National Forest
JAN-MAR (Winter)	Finalize Draft Assessment.	Finalize assessment report and need for change document based on stakeholder feedback received in Fall 2016.
APR-JUN (Spring)	Deliver Draft Assessment to the Regional Office for review. Incorporate Regional Office feedback into the Draft Assessment; prepare the document for release to the public. Begin drafting needs for change to the current Forest Plan, based on assessment findings.	Publish NEPA Federal Register Notice of Intent to begin the plan revision phase based on the needs for change to the current Forest Plan with a subsequent public scoping period. Start drafting the proposed forest plan and associated plan components (e.g. desired conditions, objectives, standards, guidelines, suitability). Continue stakeholder engagement including potential community meetings, technical meetings, open houses, and field trips to gather input. Initiate wilderness inventory and wild and scenic river eligibility processes.
JUL-SEP (Summer)	Draft assessment and preliminary needs for change released to the public for review and input. Start public meetings to present and discuss key findings of the draft assessment report and preliminary needs for change. Gather public input on draft assessment and preliminary needs for change. Finalize the assessment based on public input.	Continue development (with associated stakeholder involvement) on the draft proposed plan, its plan components, and the wilderness and wild and scenic river processes.
OCT-DEC (Fall)	Publish NEPA Federal Register Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the plan revision, based on final needs for change. Identify cooperating agencies. Initiate wilderness inventory process and public meetings. Engage the public in developing recommended wilderness inventory and evaluation criteria, and begin inventorying potential wilderness areas based on that criteria.	Release preliminary draft proposed forest plan for stakeholder feedback. Complete wilderness and wild and scenic river evaluation processes. Begin identification of alternatives and development of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

Please note that these timelines are subject to change



Forest Service Southwestern Region

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

March 2017



2017 Southwestern Region Arizona Forest Plan Revision Timelines

	Tonto National Forest	Coronado National Forest	Coconino National Forest
JAN-MAR (Winter)	<p>Complete Assessment and Needs for Change based on public meetings/public comments.</p> <p>Publish Notice of Intent (NOI) to begin revision of the current forest plan with public scoping period.</p> <p>Continue stakeholder engagement on the plan revision process including wild & scenic rivers, draft plan development and the upcoming wilderness process.</p>	<p>Complete updates to Final Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).</p> <p>Receive Draft BO (Biological Opinion) from the Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS).</p> <p>Start drafting the Record of Decision (ROD).</p>	<p>BA (Biological Assessment) submitted to the Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS).</p> <p>Complete updates to Final Plan and Volumes I and III of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).</p> <p>Regional Office review of the updated Final Plan and Volumes I and III of the FEIS.</p>
APR-JUN (Spring)	<p>Complete the eligibility phase of the wild & scenic river process.</p> <p>Start wilderness inventory process.</p> <p>Begin development on the draft proposed plan and its plan components.</p> <p>Hold round of public meetings focused on plan components and in developing recommended wilderness inventory and evaluation criteria.</p>	<p>Receive Final BO from the FWS.</p> <p>Conduct Washington Office briefings on Final Plan and FEIS.</p> <p>Finalize ROD—obtain Regional Forester signature on the ROD.</p> <p>Print and publish the Final Plan, FEIS, and ROD—also publish the NOA (Notice of Availability) of final revised plan/FEIS/ROD.</p> <p>Initiate the 90-day Appeal filing period.</p>	<p>Complete updates to Volume II (Wildlife, Fish, and Plants) of the FEIS.</p> <p>Continue Regional Office review of the FEIS (Volume II).</p> <p>Start drafting the Record of Decision (ROD).</p>
JUL-SEP (Summer)	<p>Begin wilderness evaluation process.</p> <p>Continue development (with associated public involvement) on the draft proposed plan and its plan components.</p> <p>Continue public outreach and stakeholder engagement.</p>	<p>Begin revised plan implementation.</p> <p>Appeals (if any) to the revised plan filed with the Washington Office.</p>	<p>Receive Draft and then Final BO (Biological Opinion) from the FWS.</p> <p>Conduct Washington Office briefings on Final Plan and FEIS.</p> <p>Finalize ROD—obtain Regional Forester signature.</p> <p>Print and publish the Final Plan, FEIS, and ROD—also publish the NOA (Notice of Availability) of final revised plan /FEIS/ROD.</p> <p>Initiate the 90-day Appeal filing period.</p>
OCT-DEC (Fall)	<p>Provide preliminary draft proposed forest plan for public comment and engage communities in the development of the plan.</p> <p>Complete wilderness evaluation and engage the public on the results.</p> <p>Begin identification of alternatives and development of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).</p>	<p>Continue implementing the revised plan.</p> <p>Washington Office begins appeal resolution process for all appeals filed prior to the appeal filing period closing.</p> <p>Early 2018: Revised Plan adjusted in response to appeal resolution decisions from the Washington Office.</p>	<p>Begin revised plan implementation.</p> <p>Appeals (if any) to the revised plan filed with the Washington Office.</p> <p>2018: Washington Office reviews all appeals filed prior to the appeal filing period closing. And revised Plan adjusted in response to Washington Office appeal resolution decision.</p>

Please note that these timelines are subject to change

